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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: INCREASED SCOPE AND ACCELERATION OF CONVERSION WORKS  
AT BITBURG (SLICE XXVI/35A AND USSP/SERIAL 2)

REF: A) SHAPE STATEMENT TO PAYMENTS AND PROGRESS COMMITTEE  
ON 20 JAN 77; B) INFRA/AIR/77/8, 17 JAN 77; C) GERMAN MEMO  
V 62-12-1/BITBURG/17, DATED 18 JAN 77; D) USNATO MEMO  
INFRA 15/77, 19 JAN 77 (MAILED ACTION ADDEES 19 JAN 77)  
E) USAF MSG 19100Z JAN 77 (PARA 4 TO USNATO).

1. AT ITS MEETING 1096 ON 20 JAN 77, THE PAYMENTS AND PROGRESS  
(P&P) COMMITTEE ACCEPTED US PROPOSAL IN REF D. THE  
COMMITTEE: (A) AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ADDI-  
TIONAL REQUIRED WORKS AND TO WIRKS ACCELERATION ON BASIS OF  
PROVISIONS IN SUB-PARAGRAPHS 2.A AND 2.B OF SHAPE'S  
SUPPORING STATEMENT IN REF A, WHICH IS QUOTED BELOW; B)  
AUTHORIZED MOD GERMANY AS HOST NATION TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE  
CONTRACTOR TO DETERMINE FIRM ASKING  
COST FOR ACCELERATION, SUBJECT TO SHAPE SUPPORT AND  
FURTHER P&P AUTHORIZATION.  
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2. SHAPE'S FULL STATEMENT (REF A) IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

1. SHAPE CONFIRMS THAT THE TRTIONAL WORKS, AS PRE-  
SCRIBED BY THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF BASED ON THE B  
TYPE ESTIMATE PRESENTED AT MAINZ ON 12 JAN 77 IN  
RESPECT OF SLICE 26 SERIAL 35A, ARE FULLY SUPPORTED AS  
MEETING ONLY THE NATO MINIMUM MILITARY REQUIREMENT AND,  
IN RESPECT OF THE USSP SLICE 26 SERIAL 2, ARE AN

OPERATIONAL FACILITY IN SUPPORT OF NATO FORCES.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSAL FOR NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING AN ACCELERATION OF THE WORK AND THE COSTS INVOLVED SHAPE'S POSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. SHAPE SUPPORTS THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK BY 31 AUG 77 AS URGENT FROM AN OPERATIONAL STANDPOINT.

B. IN VIEW OF THE OPERATIONAL URGENCY OF THE TIMELY COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT SHAPE WOULD CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR ACCELERATION PROVIDED THEY ARE NOT CONSIDERED DISPROPORTIONALLY HIGH.

C. SHAPE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE BASED ON ACCELERATION TO THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE DATES:

(1) COMPLETION BY 31 AUG 77.

(2) COMPLETION BY 30 SEP 77.

(3) COMPLETION BY 31 OCT 77.

(4) THE DATE OF COMPLETION WITHOUT INCURRING ACCELERATION  
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COSTS.

END TEXT

3. THE GERMAN REP CITED THE PROBABLE IMPRACTICABILITY OF EFFECTIVELY NEGOTIATING SPECIFIC ACCELERATION COSTS FOR EACH OF THE MONTHLY DATES CALLED FOR IN SUB-PARA 2.C OF SHAPE'S STATEMENT, BUT SAID MOD GERMANY WOULD DEFINITELY OBTAIN THE DATA RELATED TO COMPLETION BY 31 AUGUST AS COMPARED WITH ANY FIRMLY ESTABLISHED DATE FOR COMPLETION WITHOUT ANY ACCELERATION. HE ESTIMATED ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR SUCH NEGOTIATION, FOLLOWING WHICH URGENT P&P ACTION WILL BE REQUESTED. STRAUSS-HUPE

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